Training of Railways Officers abroad

14025. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Officers are sent abroad for training by the Ministry;

(b) if so, whether representation of Backward Classes/Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes is kept in view, while making nominations for such training;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of officers sent for training by the Ministry, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The policy instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training on the subject are kept in view while nominating officers for training abroad.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The number of officers sent for training by the Ministry, during the last five years are as under:—

Year	No.
1997	79
1998	87
1999	128
2000	73
2001	51

Construction work at Habibganj Railway Station

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